

THE
AGREEMENTS
MADE BETWEEN
HIS MAJESTY

AND THE
KNIGHTS, GENTLEMEN

Free-holders, and Inhabitants of the

County of WILTS, for the better

Provision and Ordering of His

MAJESTIES Army.

AND
A DECLARATION

Of His MAJESTIES gracious

Acceptation thereof.

AND

His Royall Proclamation com-
manding the due observation
thereof in all Parts.

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**A COUNCELL
OF WARRE HELD**

the last of *November* 1643.

HIS MAIESTY

being Present.



He High Sherriffe, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of *Wilts*, have agreed with His Majesty to pay, by way of loane during the space of a Month, a weekly Contribution of twelve hundred pounds by the Week, towards the maintenance of the Kings Army, out of that County, to be proportionably layd upō all the parts of the County, in such manner, and according to such proportions, as by the ancient

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and usuall Course of the severall parts of the County, Rates laid upon the County have been rated and levied.

And that each Souldier shall pay for his provision, for his horse, these rates following, *viz.*

Oates 1^s 6^d the Bushell.

Pease and Beans 2^s the Bushell.

Hay 5^d the Tod.

Grasse 2^s 6^d the Week.

And His Majesty is gratioously pleased to grant, that no Officer shall presse or take any Horses, & that if any losse or dammage shall happé to any of the Inhabitants, either in their Horses, or other Cattell, or in any of their Provisions or other goods, by any of the Kings Souldiers, that such Losse or Dammage shall be repaid and recompenced to the party suffering, out of the said weekly loane, and that the Treasurers for the Regiment, shall have power to assigne the said satisfaction. And if the Losse and Dammage amount to more then the party Damned in his own particular should pay for that week, then the Reparation to be made up and repayed to the party grieved by the said Treasurers, or one of them. And if any Hundred, Parish, or particular Person shall make default of payment, that Hundred, Parish, or Person so making default, shall be left to the care and discretion of the Commander of that part of the Kings Army next to the place where such default shall be, and for the supply of whom that part shall be allotted.

That no manner of Free Quarter, or Billeting, shall be

be taken by or for any Horle or Foot Souldiers, nor any Tax, Charge, or Composition whatsoever, shall be laid upon or required from any Inhabitant of this County, without present payment for the same in Mony, as they shall agree by consent, except only for House-roume, according to the quality of the Person Billited, and of the Person in whose house he is so Billited, and except for Fire and Candle, such as the Master, Mistresse or Dame of the Family use for themselves and their own Family.

And that there be no more Souldiers Billited in any House, then the said House will conveniently receive. And that no Quarter-Master shall quarter any Men in any House without the assistance of the Officer of that place.

That no Women, Boyes, or Children following the Army, bee admitted from henceforth to have House-roume, unlesse it be by consent, and by composition with the owner of the House for the same.

That the Collectors for the severall Hundreds, shall from time to time pay and deliver to the Treasurers, *John Pleydell, Esquire, & William Fisher, Gent.* the weekly Collections to them assigned. And they the said Treasurers shall pay to the said Captaines and Souldiers, such mony weekly as is assigned unto them. If any Captaine or Souldier shall faile to pay his Billet for the time past, then the said Treasurers or one of them shall defaulke out of his pay so offending, so much mony, as may satisfy his Quarter for the time past. And the said Treasurers shall be freed and discharged from Quartering any Officers or Souldiers in their own houses.

That these Agreements be settled by Order of the Councell of Warre, and entred with the Secretary of that Councell, to the end that all Commanders, Officers, and Souldiers, may take knowledge of and observe the same.

And it is further desired by the County, on their behalfe, that the Lords and others His Majesties Commissioners, would by their Order, as much as in them lyeth, confirme the same, and give life to the due execution thereof, and that His Majesty, by His Royall Proclamation, will be pleased to Command the due Execution and Observation thereof, in all the parts thereof. And His Majesty having perused these Agreements, and declared His Gracious Approbation thereof, now according to the Request made on the behalfe of the County, The Lords and others His Majesties Commissioners doe order, That they will be ready to give their best assistance, that these Agreements shall be duely observed; That they will constantly meet in the Audit-house, there to receive the Complaints of the County, if there shall be Cause, and as there shall be Cause to Recommend the redresse of what shall be amisse in any part, either to the Kings Majesty, or to the Councell of Warre, if the Lords themselves shall not have the meanes otherwise to redresse the same. All which His Majesty doth very well approve off, and doth Command it to be Printed and published in every Church and Chappell of the County, to the end, that notice being generally taken thereof, all Persons of all qualities whom it doth or may concerne, may apply themselves to the performance thereof.

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And further, His Majesty being desirous that so good a worke may not perish in the Execution, which is the life of all good actions, doth by His Royall Proclamation Declare, That as He doubteth not, but that the Inhabitants of this County will on their parts observe the same, and will continue it as long as the necessity shall continue, (which His Majesty will by all possible meanes He can, endeavour to shorten and ease,) so He doth strictly Charge and Command, That on the part of the Souldiers, the same be duly observed; and that if any Souldier, of what quality soever, presume to break these Agreements, or to offend contrary to the same, that every such Offender shall be severely proceeded against, according to the quality of his offence, that by the exemplary punishment of some, others may be warned, and deterred from committing the like; His Majesty being Resolved, as on the one side, to Punish those who will not be admonished, according to the due course of Iustice, so on the other side, to Reward those who have and shall deserve well by their good examples, according to their severall qualities and deservings, as soon as it shall please God to enable Him thereunto. *Given at His Majesties Court at Oxford, the first day of December, in the Nineteenth yeare of His Majesties Raigne. 1643.*

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